

a<sup>4</sup> 18. The G-CSF formulation of Claim 15, which has a pH of 6.5.

a<sup>5</sup> 21. The G-CSF formulation of Claim 19, which is substantially free from protein as a stabilizer.

26. The method of Claim 22 wherein other proteins are not present as stabilizers.

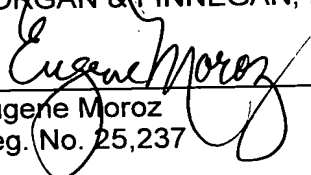
a<sup>6</sup> 27. The method of Claim 22 wherein said composition containing a physiologically active protein having a methionine residue is lyophilized or in the form of a solution.

30. The composition of Claim 28, which is substantially free from other proteins as stabilizers.

### REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to eliminate multiple dependent claims to minimize cost associated with filing this national phase application. Specific deletions are shown in an Appendix to this paper. The amendment to the claims does not introduce new matter. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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